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By P. D.

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What with the season of brotherly love past, let us get back to one of America's favorite past times, that of slitting each other's throats.

Having watched for an hour and one-half Christmas night the production of "A Christmas Carol", by Mr. Charles Dickens, I came to the conclusion that Mr. Scrooge was a level-headed, clear thinking businessman, but those ghosts just scared the living hell out of him and turned him into something of an idiot. Frankly, I am sympathetic with Scrooge. Had he been shown the light by virtue of something beside fear, then I'd have a higher opinion of the whole business.

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Letters

Walla Walla, Washington
December 20, 1956

Mr. P. D. East
Petal, Mississippi

My Dear Mr. East:

In the issue of Fellowship for November is an article concerning your interesting paper.

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Seattle, Wash.

From The Monitor —

The South Through Borrowed Eyes

By Edward B. Orr
Editorial Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Are racial tensions that have risen in the South over the Supreme Court's May 17, 1954, decision easing?

Can the nation look forward in the predictable future to an atmosphere in which the voices of reason and moderation can speak up and in which these voices will be listened to?

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of one Montgomery, Ala., organization speaks volumes. In the midst of the bus boycott, and on top of the furor over Autherine Lucy there and at nearby Tuscaloosa, Montgomery financed for its YMCA the biggest expansion step in history — a new building to serve the Negro community.

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Justice Courts Outmoded Says Economic Council

Reasons why the Mississippi Economic Council believes a modern county magistrate system should replace the present system of justice of he peace courts in the state are pointed out in a new folder to be released shortly.

The folder is entitled "Repeal Section 171," the section of the state's constitution providing for the JP system. It will be used by the MEC in an educational program favoring the magistrate court system, and in seeking an amendment to the constitution so such a system can be instituted.

"For many generations," the folder states, "justice of the peace courts served the people as courts closest to them. Until recently these courts were generally satisfactory. But with changes in ways of making a living, in transportation and in ways of community life, the justice courts are outmoded.

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The stuff you smear on your windows and let dry, then rub it off. Actually, Windex is nine times better, but the Windex people haven't got this guy's gall . . . uh, Christmas spirit.

Glass Wax forms a thin film. The manufacturer then got the bright idea of putting out Christmas design stencils with each can, so that even a child could decorate a window for the holiday season.

"All of the tencils have now been sold," the manufacturer announced with a sob in his voice, "and we don't have any more at the factory. Oh, you may be able to find a store with one or two left, but probably no. They're gone and there isn't time for us to send out any more."

By this time there wasn't a dry eye in the country.

Then came the pitch. "Any of you who have already used your stencils," he said, "can pass them along to your neighbors. In that way, everybody could decorate their windows with these beautiful designs. There is plenty of Glass Wax in the stores, and . . ."

Gosh, what a thoughtful man! He really wasn't interested in having all the neighbors running to the stores to buy Glass Wax — he was just thinking of how pretty their windows would look.

Bing and Lou Crosby gave Karen a phonograph as a Christmas present. Karen has only one record, something about bouncy, bouncy, balley on one side and about the Easter Bunny on the other. Imagine being waked every morning at 5 with bouncy, bouncy, balley. If only I were a drinking man . . . believe me!

With reference to Lou Crosby, she has expressed her thanks personally, and also for the Forrest County Home Economics Association for the response to their fruit cake selling this year. They are most grateful to all. And to date, I haven't received a fruit cake for a refund. They must have been as good to others as they were to me. Anyway, they thank each of you.

"The time will come when girls will take the initiative in making marriage proposals," said a sociologsit. Ha! And someday they're going to prove the world is round . . . or maybe that birds will learn to fly. Has that guy got something to learn!

A recent news item read: "Because there was much opposition to a raise from $250,000 to $383,333 a year voted to King Paul of Greece, he proudly refused it and said he would try to live on $250,000." That, of course, is commendable when you consider that a loaf of bread has risen from 15c to 20c.

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Editor P. D. East
Petal Paper
Petal, Mississippi

Dear Mr. East:

Just a word to commend you on your full page "ad" in the March 15th Petal Paper protesting against bigotry and intolerance.

A host of people all around the country have heard about your deft and courageous stand there in Mississippi.

A sincere and glad thank you from all of us for your satire, but mostly for your independence. The world is full of liberals, but they don't usually stand out, like you do.

Very sincerely yours,
NELL JONES

What's New?

Ranges and refrigerators that look built in are among 1957 headliners in home appliances, reports Town Journal Magazine. They're free-standing units, designed with clean, straight lines that allow them to be fitted tighly against cabinets and walls.

A new refrigerator freezer combination, with a squared-off top, fits into wall cabinets, or stands snugly against rear and side walls. A forced-draft condenser does away with old-fashioned coils on the back, and recessed door hinges lets the door swing open—eliminating the need for that dirt-catching gap at the side for door clearance.

Also making news in kitchen equipment are a range with an oven door that lifts off for easy cleaning; a 30-inch range with twin oven doors, an automatic roll-out shelf, and surface units that feature high speed cooking and a heat-minding device to keep food from burning; and a time-saving dishwasher that can be loaded without pre-rinsing dishes.

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Making headlines in home laundry equipment, says Town Journal, is a washer-dryer combination that washes and dries in one continuous operation— or can be set just to wash or dry. It also has two washing cycles—one for regular and heavily soiled fabrics, one for lightly soiled and man-made fabrics. A special heater boosts the temperature of wash water if you're short of hot water.

One of the '57 washers features new "Wonderrinse" — a clothes conditioner fluid, automatically injected into rinse water, that preserves original softness and color of clothes, makes ironing easier, and helps counteract "electricity" in silks and synthetics.

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Yes, tensions are easing, appraising the South as a whole. One of my friends preferred to say "mitigating." It is much too soon to assume this mitigation is due to some great dawn of "sweetness and light." But, as one put it: "Even the White Citizens Councils can't stay that mad forever."

Another warned the North not to see postive where there are but negative causes. Over vast areas of the Deep South neither NAACP nor any other agency or individual has moved to challenge the status quo. There, the tension may be easing simply for lack of provocation.

Yes. Reason, moderation, and calm will find expression with increasing frequency, and near where issues have been hottest. But expression will have to be persuasive and wise to be listened to. And the nation must not underestimate the courage it will take to speak, nor misunderstand if such counsel is shaped to find lodgment in Southern traditional attitudes.

Have all the bridges between the races been swept away in the storm? By no means. "Fashionable Southern liberalism" has been pretty badly battered. The leadership which now continues to work with both races for durable solutions is a convinced, dedicated and realistic one.

Organizations which under biracial sponsorship have long-rendered services to both races or worked to strengthen cooperation and understanding between the races continue to function. Everywhere they have had to carry on more quietly. Here and there new steps, even those which would not distrub the status quo in race relations, have had to be deferred. A few civic organizations have been cut off from local "community chests" simply because Negroes shared in the benefits of their programs.

These are but the blackest corners. And no one I talked to expected they would stay so dark for long. On the postive side the accomplishment

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But the average Negro is an intensely gregarious person with a cultural heritage differing from that of the whites in a thousand subtle ways. He is most comfortable among his own people — just as white people are. He, my friends believe, is not likely to press for more association than he now has with the white group except, where this is incidental to the ordinary pursuits of life — schooling, making a living, getting to the job, and having a decent place to live.

To be sure, there are Negroes and Negro leaders, whose aims go farther. These are often the well-educated and economically successful who see that were it not for the accident of biological inheritance they themselves might be accepted anywhere.

But they often make the mistake of claiming for a whole race — as many whites would deny to a whole race — something that should be, after all, a matter of individual qualifications and individual choice.

There is enough of postive aspiration and of determined resistance, enough of latent opposition and of apathetic support to dampen any hopes of an early solution. On the other hand, there is enough appreciation by whites of the Christian values involved, enough Christian wisdom in Negro leadership, and a large enough reservior within both races of yearning for a restoration of harmonious coexistence to make an ultimate solution inevitable.

How will it come about? Community by community, county by county, state by state — first where old attitudes are less intrenched and the "mass" of the problem least. This will tend to freeze resistance even harder for a while. Then the advance of a changing national climate will thaw it.

How long will that take? Progress may be visible faster than we think. But before a new accommodation between the races is reached in every state, and in spirit as well as in letter, a generation may have passed.

The World Of Nature

By John M. Frazier

Autumn Frosts

Autumn frosts are important in our lives because they terminate summer plant growth. They, in part, determine the length of our main growing season. The first light frost of 1956 to kill even the tenderest plants occurred on the morning of November 10. It extended to the Gulf Coast and into Florida. This was a light frost and occurred on only one night.

The pattern for frost is to have a light one or two then warmer weather followed by other light ones in October. As colder air masses move in over us heavy frosts occur in November. Late November and December usually bring the killing frosts. This pattern is subject to considerable variation in the Deep South from year to year.

One of our most valuable resources is our long growing season. This is the period between the last killing frost in the spring and the first killing frost of autumn. When we compare our growing season with those of other parts of the United States, we can see the significance of the longer warm season.

Killing frosts may extend as far south as central Florida. Below this there is a twelve months growing season with no killing limit is a belt having a growing frost. Above the southern frost season of 330 days per year. The long-leaf pine belt along the Gulf of Mexico has a growing season between 270 and 300 days. The northern part of the Gulf States has 190 to 210 days. With heavy rainfall, this area is ideal for grass land for grazing and growing timber. In areas of the mountainous northwest the growing season may be only 56 days.

What Is Frost?

There seems to be a widely accepted erroneous idea that frost is frozen dew. This error is natural since the chief difference between a night that produces dew and one that produces frost is the lower temperature for the latter. Since we are keenly award of the cool, crisp weather that produces the frost, it is easy to suspect the dew has been frozen to produce frost.

The type of night that produces frost is always fair, cool, and without wind. The air has to be laden with moisture to the extent ha he dew point is reached at or below the freezing point. The temperature has to be near 40

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The folder says this situation is not the result, in most cases, of any dishonesty or insincerity of the justice as a person, but is a fault of the system itself.

"Can we rely on a court system where the judge only gets paid if the defendant loses?" the publication asks. "In civil cases it is a standing joke among lawyers that the initials "JP" stand

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3. Apply two more flat undercoats. Let them dry thoroughly, and sand each with wet sandpaper. If you tint each undercoat a little darker than the one before, the difference in color will keep you from sanding down to previous coat.
4. Apply final coat of enamel.

Cut Cost, Get Better Performance By Using Right Gas For Your Car

By Stanley H. Brams
Condensed From
Town Journal Magazine

Oil companies have recently come out with so many new gasolines, that you may be wondering just which type of fuel is best for your car. Selecting the right grade of gasoline for your engine, and your own particular driving, can make a big difference in how your car performs—as well as in how much it costs you to run it.

The reason behind the rash of new gasolines on the market lies in the oil companies' desires to meet the demands of Detroit's new and more powerful engines —without forcing owners of older cars to use a higher-quality, more expensive fuel than they actually need. Some companies believe they can do this job by upgrading their existing regular and premium gasolines. Others have come out with a third or super-premium grade.

Many companies are also adding chemicals to their gas, in addition to tetraethyl lead—boron and phosphorus, for instance. There are chemicals that serve as anti-oxidants, metal deactivators, corrosion inhibitors, detergents and anti-icing agents, as well as those that slow up carbon deposits.

Here are guide posts, suggested by petroleum engineers, to help you determine the right fuel for your particular car:

1. Don't use a lower grade fuel than your engine actually needs, or you invite knock, or at least get sluggish performance. A too-low grade fuel could deform your pistons, blow out gaskets, and subject the engine to stresses and strains it wasn't built for.

2. Don't, on the other hand, use a higher octane fuel than your car needs. (Octane ratings measure the anti-knock characteristics of gasoline on an arbitrary scale developed 20 years ago.) It cant' hurt the engine, but it gives you no additional performance, no more power, no more miles per gallon—and it wastes money. Oil company engineers are convinced that thousands of motorists use more costly fuel than they need.

3. In determining which grade of gasoline to use, pay particular attention to your owner's manual, which makes safe, conservative recommendations on fuel grade. They're based on extensive research in which engines using different grades of gasoline are subjected in the laboratory to the same stresses they'd encounter on tough road trips.

4. Listen carefully for engine knock, most likely to be heard when you make a fast start at a light, or drive slowly up a hill in high gear. If you get this knock, or sharp ping, you either need a tune-up or a change to a better grade of gasoline. On the other hand, if you try a lower grade gasoline than you are using and it gives you no knock or feeling of sluggishness, stick to it—you're in a position to save money without damaging your car.

Causes of Engine Knock

There are two causes of engine knock, which affects the kind dof gas you should use. First, is using a fuel that is too low on the octane scale. When the spark ignites the fuel-air mixture, a flame front moves across the combustion chamber. If the gasoline's octane rating is too low, the heat pressure which builds up in the flame front causes a second flame front to explode instantaneously across the chamber in that part of the mixture which is still unburned. New pressures build up, with a clash of flame fronts—and you get a knock.

Second, is a build-up of carbon deposits in the combustion chamber. Instead of the spark igniting the fuel-air mixture at near-full compression, the heated carbon ignites the mixture prematurely,

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Justice Courts . . .

for 'judgment for the plaintiff'. While not true in all justice courts, this saying is so widespread that there is apparently some truth in it."

Taking cognizance of the role of the court in traffic cases, the report says that "reliance upon costs from the defendant causes the label of 'speed trap' to be pinned on several areas of the sttae."

The publication also states that there are too many such courts (at least 503 in the state) for today's needs. Some counties have as many as ten JP courts, and the folder says this situation tends in some cases to have courts "competing for business rather than serving as the respected court for the ligigants."

"This is especially true in the collection of small accounts and so-called 'small' loans'. Unscrupulous lenders of money soon know which court will quickly render judgment for the plaintiff so as to obtain court costs."

Citing the lack of supervision of the court system, the follder says it is almost impossible to check accurately the collection of fees and costs. In 195[illegible] JP courts in the state were estimated by the MEC to have cost at least $1,106,000, since they turned into county treasuries a total of $790,072.44, and fees and costs were estimated to be at least $316,000.

Another weakness of the system cited is that of some JP's attempting to perform legal duties, such as drawing up wills, deeds and contracts.

"The question of this being an unauthorized practice of law is far less important than the fact that it results in much trouble for the people involved and multiplies the eventual costs to the higher court system and to the taxpayers," the report states.

"There are cases reported where justices usurp authority by holding such proceedings as lunacy hearings and actions on children in trouble. Such proceedings are null and void, but the damage to a person is to a great extent beyond repair.

"Because of lack of satisfaction in justice of the peace court decisions, the percentage of appeals to the circuit and county courts is very high. On appeal, the case is tried all over again instead of using the record of the justice court, since such records are either non-evistant or are not acceptable by higher courts.

"This is expensive, time consuming and wasteful to both the parties involved and to the taxayers. Often the unsuccessful party is unable to stand the expense of an appeal to a circuit or county court. He may never get justice because he finds himself unable to get it in the court which should have provided it first."

The folder also states that due to the weakness of the system there has been "a gradual breakdown of respect for the justice of the peace courts."

"This may be unjustified in many instances, especially where justices are sincerely trying to do a good job. Nevertheless, it is a fact that the practice of holding court in garages and other commercial establishments, together with general atmosphere surrounding such courts, does not lend dignity and respect to the part of the state's judicial system most often used by the people."

The publication then calls for a modern magistrate court system for counties, with the magistrates being on a salary basis, required to be licensed attorneys, and appointed and supervised by the circuit judges of the state. It asks citizens to work for repeal of section 171, and let the citizens decide if the present JP system should be taken from the constitution. This would pave the way for the legislature to act in setting up the magistrate court plan. Such a plan is now successfully used in a number of states.

The educational program on the JP court system is being directed by a MEC committee headed by Owen Cooper of Yazoo City. Serving with him are: Garner Lester, Jackson; Bill Archer, Meridian;

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degrees F. when the sun goes down to reach the frost temperature before the sun arises the next morning.

Frost is formed by a condition called sublimation. This is a situation in which the moisture-laden air is cooled until it reaches the dew point. As the water begins to be precipitated out, it comes in contact with such solid objects as plant leaves and stems, house roofs, and other objects which have dropped to the freezing point or below. As the water in the air touches the cold object it immediately crystalizes into frost. In sublimation the water changes from he gaseous state directly to the solid state.

Kinds of Frost and Frosts

Frost is crystaline water. It naturally takes the form of water crystals as we see in snow and ice. Varying conditions produce different shapes of frost, but always within the standard pattern.

From the standpoint of agricultural meterology we speak of three kinds of frosts as determined by their intensities. The type we have in the beginning of cool weather is called light frost. If we look over the landscape before sunrise we see a thin deposit of frost on vegetation, roofs, and other exposed objects. It vanishes at sunrise. No serious damage is done. A few tender leaves or entire plants may be killed. It is chiefly a suggestion to prepare for heavy frrost later.

The heavy frost deposits a copious supply of crystals on most of the surface objects. Many tender plants are killed. The leaves of the deciduous trees of the landscape show some change of color. The chlorophyll begins to break down more rapidly. We now think it advisable to prepare for the killing frost and winter to follow.

Killing frost is usually a think covering of crystals over most surface objects. It is accompanied by temperatures low enough to kill all single season crops and plants. The leaves of deciduous trees are killed also.

There are other terms used rather loosly in regard to frosts. "Jack Frost" is used in many parts of the country to mean any heavy or killing frost. The white effect of frost due to its reflecting of light gives it the gray appearance that is called hoarfrost.

A killing temperature without the depositing of crystals as occurs on cold, cloudy, or windy nights is frequently called black frost. There is actually no crystalline frost present in this case. Another situation that is sometimes called black frost is the falling of rain on objects below the freezing point. The water is frozen immediately into thin sheets. There is no typical crystal present. It is not frost since it falls as rain.

Other Conditions

Not only is the time of frost important to our growing season, but also the severity of the frost as determined by the depth of penetration into the soil. Much of the coastal area of the Gulf States has no penetration at all. The area of central Louisiana, South Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia has a penetration of one inch. In the northern part of these states and in higher altitudes the ground might freeze to a depth of three to five inches.

Factors determining the depth of penetration are the latitude and the altitude. Except for the Appalachian Mountains, the deepest

This is in contrast with some of the mountainous areas of the northwest where the penetration is as much as 66 inches.

This makes a difference in what we can grow, what we can wear, and what we can do.

Cut Costs . . .

as in drawing, causing knock and power loss.

Sometimes shifting from one grade gas to another, or even from one brand to another within the same grade, can make a noticeable difference in a car's zip, for cars themselves are more temperamental than you may realize. Last year, researchers found radically different fuel needs among ten brand new cars of identical make and model, but with different timing and other adjustments. Some of the cars got maximum freedom from knock with 85 octane fuel: others needed as much as 94½ octane.

Additional Factors Cited

The situation may change after you've driven a car several thousand miles, too. By then you may need gasoline that's five or six octane numbers higher than when the car was new, because carbon deposits build up in the combustion chamber and give you knock.

On the other hand, if you're driving a car that is now four or five years old, you may no longer need the premium gasoline you once did. This is because the quality of the gas improved faster than the carbon build up.

Geography, climate, and the wa yyou driveal so make a difference. The hotter the weather, the higher the octane level you need; though in cold weather, the use of a glycol-type anti-freeze can also boost your octane requirements.

Similarly, you need gas with a higher octane for sea-level driving than for driving at high altitudes, for octane requirements are lower when barometric pressure goes down. And, generally, the faster you drive, the better the fuel you need. Oil companies try to compensate for many of these differences by varying octane slightly from area to area.

Better Fuels Predicted

Better fuels lie ahead, say auto makers, because they'll be needed to keep pace with engine development. Although today's cars may already seem to have enough zip, economy makes more powerful engines desirable. For the higher the compression ratio, the more power the engine can develop per pound of fuel burned.

Compression ration measures the difference between the volume of air-gas mixture in the engine cylinders before and after being squeezed b ythe iston. The higher the compression ratio, the hotter the air-fuel mixture becomes, and the more likely it is to explode too soon and thus knock. So, the higher the compression ratio, the higher the octane you need.

Oil men contend that on a ton-mile basis, today's gasoline is more economical than ever before. For eoday's engine must perform many chores not required of yesterday's power plant; yet, today's gasoline costs only a little more than much cruder gas did in 1925.

Gasolines of various qualities naturally vary in price—and price differences are largely affected by taxes in different areas of the county. Nevertheless, the thing to do is to match your fuel to your automobile and buy the gas that operates adequately in your car. Less than that costs you in the long run; more than that wastes money, too.

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with general atmosphere surrounding such courts, does not lend dignity and respect to the part of the state's judicial system most often used by the people."

The publication then calls for a modern magistrate court system for counties, with the magistrates being on a salary basis, required to be licensed attorneys, and appointed and supervised by the circuit judges of the state. It asks citizens to work for repeal of section 171, and let the citizens decide if the present JP system should be taken from the constitution. This would pave the way for the legislature to act in setting up the magistrate court plan. Such a plan is now successfully used in a number of states.

The educational program on the JP court system is being directed by a MEC committee headed by Owen Cooper of Yazoo City. Serving with him are: Garner Lester, Jackson; Bill Archer, Meridian; T. O. Mabry, Jr., Okolona; and C. S. Tindall, Greenville.

the frost present in this case. Another situation that is sometimes called black frost is the falling of rain on objects below the freezing point. The water is frozen immediately into thin sheets. There is no typical crystal present. It is not frost since it falls as rain.

Other Conditions

Not only is the time of frost important to our growing season, but also the severity of the frost as determined by the depth of penetration into the soil. Much of the coastal area of the Gulf States has no penetration at all. The area of central Louisiana, South Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia has a penetration of one inch. In the northern part of these states and in higher altitudes the ground might freeze to a depth of three to five inches.

Factors determining the depth of penetration are the latitude and the altitude. Except for the Appalachian Mountains, the deepest penetration of fros in the Southern States is from 6 to 10 inches.

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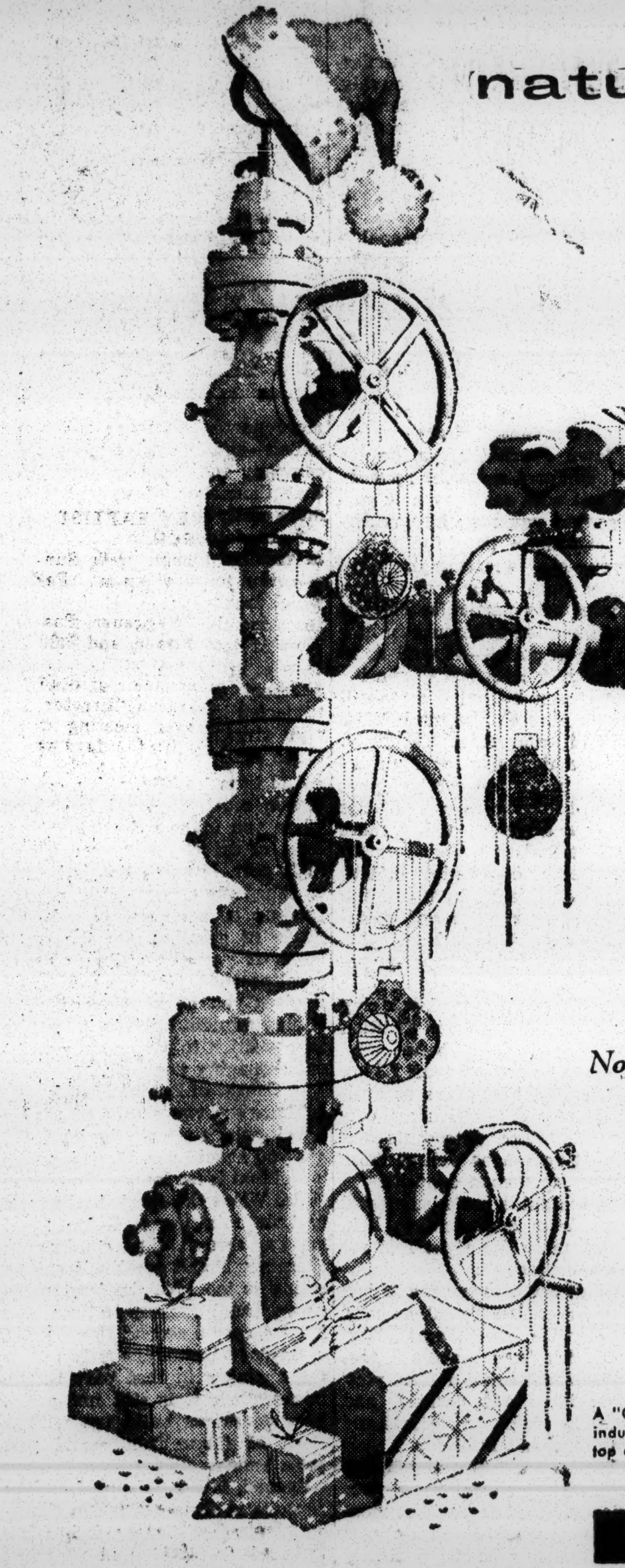

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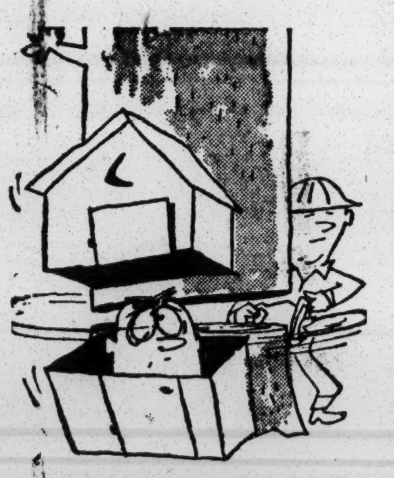

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9:00—West Point
9:30—Zane Gray
10:00—Broken Arrow
10:30—Reddy Kilowatt
10:35—Late News
10:45—Potpourri
11:00—Starlight Theater

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29—
6:00—Strange World
7:00—Oh. Susanna
7:30—Hey Jennie
8:00—Crossroads
8:30—Ozzie & Harriet
9:00—Jackie Gleason
10:00—Lawrence Welk
11:00 Oral Roberts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30—
6:00—Lassie
6:30—Private Secretary
7:30—Alfred Hitchcock
8:00—$64,000 Challenge
8:30—Man Called X
9:00—Ed Sullivan Show
11:00—Jeffery Jones

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31—
6:00—News-Sports
6:15—Douglas Edwards
6:30—Voice of Firestone
7:00—I Love Lucy
7:30—December Bride
8:00—Count of Monte Cristo
8:30—Ole Miss Highlights
9:00—Burns and Allen
9:30—Talent Scouts
10:00—Wyatt Earp
10:30—Reddy Kilowatt
10:35—Late News
10:45—TV Wrestling
11:15—Inner Sanctum

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1—
6:00—News-Sports
6:15—Douglas Edwards
6:30—The Whistler
6:45—Name That Time
7:00—Herb Shriner
7:30—Rosemary Clooney
8:00—$64,000 Question
8:30—I Let Three Lives
9:00—Never Get Rich
9:30—Dangerous
10:00—Cavalcade Theatre
10:30—Reddy Kilowatt
10:35—Late News
10:45—Potpourri
11:00—Late Show

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2—
6:00—News-Sports
6:15—Douglas Edwards
6:30—Science—Fiction
7:00—The Millionaire
7:30—I've Got a Secret
8:00—Wednesday Nights Fights
9:00—Godfrey Show
10:00—Ford Theater
10:30—Reddy Kilowatt
10:35—Late News
10:45—Studio Wrestling
11:15—The Falcon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3—
6:00—News-Sports
6:15—Douglas Edwards
6:30—Superman
7:00—Robin Hood
7:30—Disneyland
8:30—Amos and Andy
9:00—Bob Cummings
9:30—Climax
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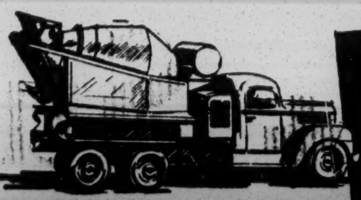

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9:00—Cavalcade of Sports
9:45—The Leon Kelner Show
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10:30—Luzianne Patio Playhouse
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29—
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6:30—People Are Funny
7:00—Perry Como
8:00—Caesar's Hour
9:00—George Gobel
9:30—I Search For Adventure
10:00—I Led Three Lives
10:30—Death Valley Days
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30—
6:00—Tales of the 77th Bengal Lancers
6:30—Circus Boy
7:00—Steve Allen
8:00—Television Playhouse
9:00—Loretta Young Show
9:30—O. Henry Playhouse
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer For Peace

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31—
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6:15—World of Sports & Weatherman
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6:45—NBC News
7:00—Sir Lancelot
7:30—Stanley
8:00—Can Do
8:30—Robert Montgomery Presents
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 1—
6:30—Jonathan Winters
6:45—NBC News
7:00—The Big Surprise
7:30—Noah's Ark
8:00—Jane Wyman Show
10:00—Ozzie & Harriet
10:30—Navy Log
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
8:30—Kaiser Aluminum Hour
9:30—The Count of Monte Cristo
10:00—Celebrity Playhouse
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2—
6:00—Esso Reporter
6:15—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:30—Eddie Fisher
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Adventures of Hiram Holliday
7:30—Father Knows Best
8:00—Kraft Theatre
9:00—This Is Your Life
9:30—San Francisco Beat
10:00—Douglas Fairbanks Presents
10:30—Dr. Hudson's Secret Journal
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 3—
6:00—Esso Reporter
6:15—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:30—Dinah Shore
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Groucho Marx
7:30—Dragnet
8:00—Peoples Choice
8:30—The Ford Show
9:00—Project 20—The Jazz Age
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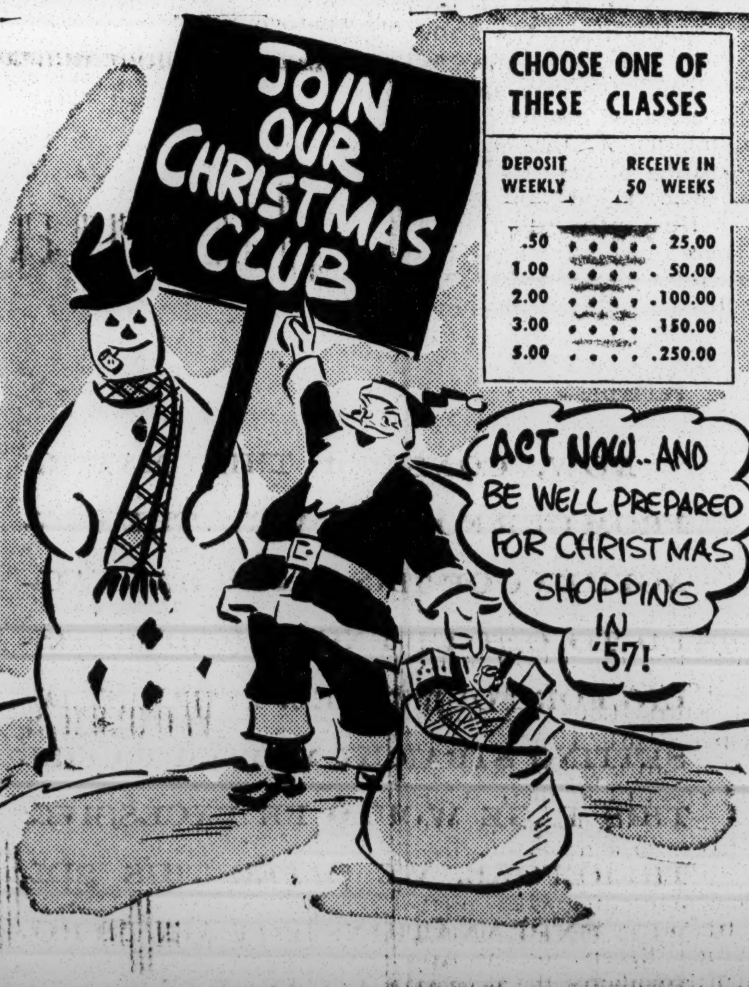
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9:00—Cavalcade of Sports
9:50—Red Barber's Corner
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7:00—Perry Como Show
8:00—Sid Catsar's Hour
9:00—George Gobel Show
9:30—The American Legend
10:00—The Late News
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7:00—Steve Allen Show
8:00—Highway Patrol
8:30—Million Dollar Premiere
10:00—The Late News

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6:45—NBS News
7:00—International Playhouse
7:30—Orient Express
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8:30—My Little Margie
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8:30—Janet Dean
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6:30—Dinah Shore Show
6:45—NBC News

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11:10—WLBT Weathervane
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*:30—People Are Funny
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7:00—Steve Allen Show
8:00—Alcoa Hour
9:00—Loretta Young
9:30—Lawrence Welk Top Tunes and New Talent
10:30—WLBT Weathervane
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6:30—Report To The People
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Groucho Marx
7:30—Dragnet
8:00—Jeoples' Croice
8:30—Ernie Ford Show
9:00—Project 20— "The Jazz Age"
10:00—Studio 57
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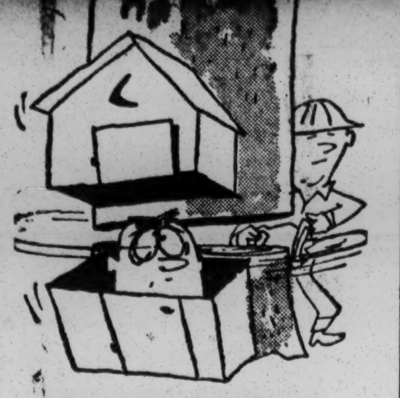

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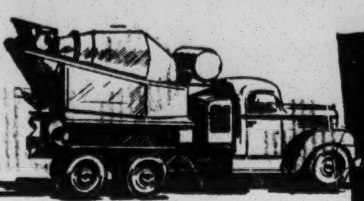

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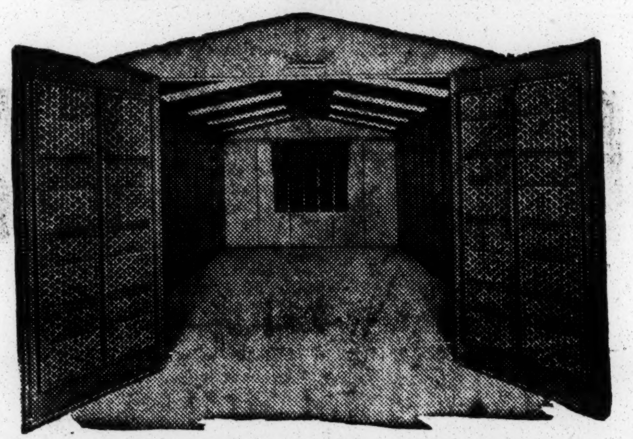

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